

# Data Notes - Table 1

## Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics: Statistics for Nonemployer Firms by Industry, Sex, Ethnicity, Race, and Veteran Status for the U.S., States, and Metro Areas: 2017

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The Census Bureau has reviewed this data product for unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and has approved the disclosure avoidance practices applied. (Approval ID: CBDRB-FY20-390.)

### Key Table Information:

Includes U.S. firms with no paid employment or payroll, annual receipts of \$1,000 or more (\$1 or more in the construction industries), and filing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax forms for sole proprietorships (Form 1040, Schedule C), partnerships (Form 1065), or S-corporations (the Form 1120 series). C-corporations are excluded from these tabulations.

### Data Items and Other Identifying Records:

Table includes the following data items:

- Number of nonemployer firms

- Sales, value of shipments, or revenue of nonemployer firms (\$1,000)

The following rounding rules are applied to the number of nonemployer firms:

- Round count cells that are less than 15 to "<15"

- If N is between 15 and 99, round to the nearest 10

- If N is between 100-999, round to the nearest 50

- If N is between 1,000-9,999, round to the nearest 100

- If N is between 10,000-99,999, round to the nearest 500

- If N is between 100,000-999,999, round to the nearest 1,000

- If N is 1,000,000 or more, round to four significant digits

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The data are categorized by firms classifiable by sex, ethnicity, race, and veteran status and firms unclassifiable by sex, ethnicity, race, and veteran status. These data are aggregated by the following demographic classifications of firm:

Classifiable - firms classifiable by sex, ethnicity, race, and veteran status:

Sex

Female

Male

Equally male/female

Ethnicity

Hispanic

Non-Hispanic

Equally Hispanic/non-Hispanic

Race

White

Black or African American

American Indian and Alaska Native

Asian

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

Minority (classified as any race and ethnicity combination other than non-Hispanic and White)

Nonminority (classified as non-Hispanic and White)

Equally minority/nonminority

Veteran Status

Veteran

Nonveteran

Equally veteran/nonveteran

Unclassifiable - firms not classifiable by sex, ethnicity, race, and veteran status

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**Notes:**

1. Business ownership is defined as having 51 percent or more of the stock or equity in the business. Data are provided for firms owned equally (50% / 50%) by men and women, by Hispanics and non-Hispanics, by minorities and nonminorities, and by veterans and nonveterans. Firms not classifiable by sex, ethnicity, race, and veteran status are counted and tabulated separately.
2. The detail may not add to the total or subtotal because a Hispanic firm may be of any race; because a firm could be tabulated in more than one racial group; or because the number of nonemployer firms data are rounded.

**Industry and Geography Coverage:**

Data are shown for the total for all sectors (00) and the 2- and 3-digit NAICS levels for the U.S. and states. For the metro areas, data are shown for the total for all sectors (00) and the 2-digit NAICS level only. Data are excluded for the following NAICS industries:

Crop and Animal Production (NAICS 111 and 112)  
Rail Transportation (NAICS 482)  
Postal Service (NAICS 491)  
Monetary Authorities-Central Bank (NAICS 521)  
Funds, Trusts, and Other Financial Vehicles (NAICS 525)  
Private Households (NAICS 814)  
Public Administration (NAICS 92)

**Symbols:**

The following symbols are used to replace the data for disclosure or quality purposes:

**N** - Not available or not comparable  
**S** - Withheld because estimates did not meet publication standards  
**X** - Not applicable

The following symbols are used to identify the level of noise applied to the data:

**G** - Low noise: the cell value was changed by less than 2 percent by the application of noise  
**H** - Moderate noise: the cell value was changed by 2 percent or more but less than 5 percent by the application of noise  
**J** - High noise: the cell value was changed by 5 percent or more by the application of noise

**Source:**

U.S. Census Bureau, Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics, Annual Business Survey Program

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